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The Honorable Alexandra Dunn  
Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Honorable Alexandra Dunn,

I am writing to you today to express support for the American farmer and their freedom to operate by utilizing weed-control technologies that help them accomplish their short- and long-term goals. The use of low volatility dicamba products, such as Xtendimax, Engenia, and Fexapan, are crucial technologies for controlling troublesome weeds. Weeds such as waterhemp, palmer amaranth, and marestail are quickly evolving resistance to herbicide chemistries, and dicamba is one of many tools that can and should be used to fight herbicide resistant weeds. One plant can return hundreds, if not hundreds of thousands of seeds back to the seedbank for farmers to fight year after year. Tools that our farmers utilize cannot continue to be manipulated by groups that have little vested interest, or crop production in the United States will be at risk.

Very recently, I graduated from college with degrees in Crop Science and Agbusiness. While I was in school, my professors and mentors emphasized the importance of battling weeds that threatened crop production: giant ragweed, velvetleaf, cocklebur, and foxtail species in addition to waterhemp, palmer amaranth, and marestail. Through my internship opportunities and university experiences, I have seen farmers who have gone from dense stands of tough weeds to clean rows in a matter of a season due to herbicide technologies available to them. These technologies cannot be eliminated because of the financial and psychological impacts on farmers and the communities in which they reside. The continued innovations in herbicide technology have made it possible for farmers to not only produce more crops but have pride in the crops that they produce.

I respectfully request that you consider this letter as a genuine message of concern and humility. We need your continued strong leadership to enable the American farmer to continue to be the foundation of our economy and the fabric of our nation. I very much appreciate all you have done and will continue to do to empower every farmer to be their best at providing safe and nutritious food for the world.

Sincerely,



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